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"AN ACT BANNING THE POSSESSION OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ANIMALS AND THE IMPORTATION, POSSESSION AND LIBERATION OF WILD ANIMALS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 26-73 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

5 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, Sunday shall
6 be a closed season except for the purpose of trapping under the
7 provisions of this chapter. The possession in the open air on Sunday of
8 any implement for hunting shall be prima facie evidence of hunting in
9 violation of the provisions of this section. No provision of this section
10 shall be construed so as to affect any provision of section 26-31, 26-48,
11 26-52 or 27-35 or apply to the use of bow and arrow for purposes other
12 than hunting. Artificially propagated birds designated by the
13 commissioner may be shot on Sundays on licensed private shooting
14 preserves subject to such regulations of the commissioner as may

15 apply to such private shooting preserves, provided permission so to
16 shoot has been obtained from the town or towns within which such
17 licensed private shooting preserves are located.

18 (b) The commissioner may allow Sunday hunting with a bow and
19 arrow on private property in areas designated by the commissioner
20 that require additional management to control game species
21 overpopulation, provided the commissioner shall not allow such
22 Sunday hunting on land containing or adjacent to a designated hiking
23 trail. A person hunting on private property pursuant to this subsection
24 shall obtain the written consent of the owner of such private property,
25 or of such owner's authorized agent. Such written consent shall be
26 carried by such person while hunting pursuant to this subsection.

27 (c) A person hunting on private property pursuant to subsection (b)
28 of this section shall ensure that any arrow such person shoots from a
29 bow with a draw weight of not less than forty pounds does not leave
30 such private property.

31 Sec. 2. Section 26-86a of the general statutes is repealed and the
32 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

33 (a) The commissioner shall establish by regulation adopted in
34 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 standards for deer
35 management, and methods, regulated areas, bag limits, seasons and
36 permit eligibility for hunting deer with bow and arrow, muzzleloader
37 and shotgun. [, except that no] No such hunting shall be permitted on
38 Sunday, except as provided in section 26-73, as amended by this act.
39 No person shall hunt, pursue, wound or kill deer with a firearm
40 without first obtaining a deer permit from the commissioner in
41 addition to the license required by section 26-27. Application for such
42 permit shall be made on forms furnished by the commissioner and
43 containing such information as he may require. Such permit shall be of
44 a design prescribed by the commissioner, shall contain such
45 information and conditions as the commissioner may require, and may
46 be revoked for violation of any provision of this chapter or regulations

47 adopted pursuant thereto. As used in this section, "muzzleloader"
48 means a rifle or shotgun of at least forty-five caliber, incapable of firing
49 a self-contained cartridge, which uses powder, a projectile, including,
50 but not limited to, a standard round ball, mini-balls, maxi-balls and
51 Sabot bullets, and wadding loaded separately at the muzzle end and
52 "rifle" means a long gun the projectile of which is six millimeters or
53 larger in diameter. The fee for a firearms permit shall be fourteen
54 dollars for residents of the state and fifty dollars for nonresidents,
55 except that any nonresident who is an active full-time member of the
56 armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, may purchase a firearms
57 permit for the same fee as is charged a resident of the state. The
58 commissioner shall issue, without fee, a private land deer permit to the
59 owner of ten or more acres of private land and the husband or wife,
60 parent, grandparent, sibling and any lineal descendant of such owner,
61 provided no such owner, husband or wife, parent, grandparent, sibling
62 or lineal descendant shall be issued more than one such permit per
63 season. Such permit shall allow the use of a rifle, shotgun,
64 muzzleloader or bow and arrow on such land from November first to
65 December thirty-first, inclusive. Deer may be so hunted at such times
66 and in such areas of such state-owned land as are designated by the
67 Commissioner of Environmental Protection and on privately owned
68 land with the signed consent of the landowner, on forms furnished by
69 the department, and such signed consent shall be carried by any
70 person when so hunting on private land. The owner of ten acres or
71 more of private land may allow the use of a rifle to hunt deer on such
72 land during the shotgun season. The commissioner shall determine, by
73 regulation, the number of consent forms issued for any regulated area
74 established by said commissioner. The commissioner shall provide for
75 a fair and equitable random method for the selection of successful
76 applicants who may obtain shotgun and muzzleloader permits for
77 hunting deer on state lands. Any person whose name appears on more
78 than one application for a shotgun permit or more than one
79 application for a muzzleloader permit shall be disqualified from the
80 selection process for such permit. No person shall hunt, pursue,
81 wound or kill deer with a bow and arrow without first obtaining a

82 bow and arrow permit pursuant to section 26-86c. "Bow and arrow" as
83 used in this section and in section 26-86c means a bow with a draw
84 weight of not less than forty pounds. The arrowhead shall have two or
85 more blades and may not be less than seven-eighths of an inch at the
86 widest point. No person shall carry firearms of any kind while hunting
87 with a bow and arrow under [said sections] this section and section 26-
88 86c.

89 (b) Any person who takes a deer without a permit shall be fined not
90 less than two hundred dollars or more than five hundred dollars or
91 imprisoned not less than thirty days or more than six months or shall
92 be both fined and imprisoned, for the first offense, and for each
93 subsequent offense shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars or
94 more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year
95 or shall be both fined and imprisoned."